



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of)
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Application No. 08/447,820)
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For: DETERMINATION OF AMBIENT)
CONCENTRATION OF SEVERAL)
ANALYTES)

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

In response to the Official Action dated September 2, 1997, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amend the specification as set forth in the attached Schedule A1; and

Amend the claims as set forth in the attached Schedule A2.

REMARKS

The Official Action dated September 2, 1997 has been carefully considered. In view of the amendments presented herewith and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

In the September 2, 1997 Official Action, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-3, based on claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent 5,432,099, alone, and in view of Chen et al. (U.S. Patent 4,385,126), as set forth in the October 16, 1996 Official Action herein, has been withdrawn in view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed in response to the October 16, 1996 Official Action.

The prior art rejections based principally on Ekins et al. (1989) and WO 88/01058 have been maintained, as have the §103 rejection of claims 1 and 2 based on the combined disclosures of Ekins (WO 84/01031) and Chen et al., and of claims 1-3 based on WO 84/01031, Chen et al. and the BioRad Laser Sharp MRC-500. The last-mentioned rejection has also been applied to the subject matter of claims 4-8.

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